RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND OTHER MATERIALS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM(S):

In accordance with Title 42, Chapter 35-3 (a) and (b), of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, notice is hereby given that the Department of Human Services (DHS) has adopted the following rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and other materials relating to the following program(s) and proposes to adopt these emergency rules as final rules:

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Effective March 1, 2006 the Medical Assistance Program, Title XIX, will be expanded to include the PersonalChoice Program. The PersonalChoice Program offers participant-directed home and community-based services to people with disabilities or who are sixty-five (65) years and above thereby reducing unnecessary institutionalization by providing specialized home and community-based services.

Interested persons may inspect said proposed rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and other related materials on the Department of Human Services website at www.dhs.ri.gov or in the Office of Policy Development, Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building, Bldg. 57, Howard Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Interested persons may submit data, views, or written arguments to the Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building, Bldg. 57, 600 New London Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920, within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

In accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws 42-35-3, an oral hearing will be granted on these rules if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, or an agency, or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.